

REMARKS

Claims 12, 19, 22, 24, and 25 are currently amended. Applicant contends that the amendments contained herein are supported by the Specification as filed and thus do not constitute new matter.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 12-25 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant believes that the amendments to claims 12, 19, 22, 24, and 25 overcome the rejection of claims 12, 19, 22, 24, and 25 under 35 U. S. C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 13-18 depend directly or indirectly from claim 12 and are not indefinite as originally written and therefore should be allowed. Claims 20-21 depend directly or indirectly from claim 19 and are not indefinite as originally written and therefore should be allowed. Claim 23 depends directly from claim 22 and is not indefinite as originally written and therefore should be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

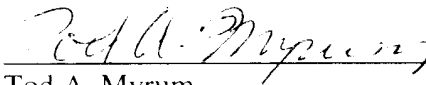
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowance of claims 1-11 and 26-32.

CONCLUSION

Claims 12, 19, 22, 24, and 25 are currently amended. Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representative at direct dial (612) 312-2208 if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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